

## ROAD RAGE / AGGRESSIVE DRIVING SURVEY

The Washington State Patrol, the Department of Transportation, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and the Department of Licensing are partnering to produce this survey to gather information about road rage. These agencies will be looking at the effectiveness of law enforcement and roadway engineering. Your participation is valuable and will be used in planning of education, road engineering and law enforcement to promote public safety on our roadways.

This survey asks for information based on your experience with road rage. Please only consider road rage incidents and not acts of aggressive driving. By definition:

- Aggressive driving is the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner which is likely to endanger a person or property.
- Road rage is the operation of a motor vehicle in a deliberate, violent manner in response to a real or imagined incident.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

**Please check one answer per question unless asked to check all that apply.**

Do you feel threatened on the roadway:

- ☐ often.
- ☐ sometimes.
- ☐ hardly ever.
- ☐ never.

What do you think would have the greatest impact on reducing road rage? (*check all that apply*)

- ☐ Increase fines.
- ☐ Increase visible law enforcement.
- ☐ Increase unmarked law enforcement.
- ☐ Have mandatory classes for violators.
- ☐ Increase time spent on road rage in driver education classes.
- ☐ Install surveillance equipment (cameras, etc.) at intersections and highways to catch potential violators.
- ☐ Have a toll-free phone number to report incidents.
- ☐ Enact tougher new driver licensing requirements.
- ☐ Enact tougher renewal driver licensing requirements.
- ☐ None of the above.

Law enforcement of traffic violators is visible:

- ☐ often.
- ☐ sometimes.
- ☐ never.

Given the opportunity, if you observed road rage, would you report the incident?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

I am aware that I am driving more defensively than in the past.

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

How many times in the last month have you observed an incident of road rage?

- ☐ None.
- ☐ 1-5 times.
- ☐ 6-10 times.
- ☐ More than 10 times.

How many times have you been a victim of road rage?

- ☐ None.
- ☐ 1-5 times.
- ☐ 6-10 times.
- ☐ More than 10 times.

Where you have seen or experienced road rage most often is:

- ☐ on interstate highways/freeways.
- ☐ on state roadways.
- ☐ on county roadways.
- ☐ in the city.

Overall, when merging into traffic:

- ☐ most drivers match the speed of highway traffic.
- ☐ most drivers allow traffic to merge.
- ☐ most drivers do not cross the solid white merge lines.
- ☐ most drivers merge poorly.

In general, electronic readerboard signs warning of traffic situations ahead: (*check all that apply*)

- ☐ are useful.
- ☐ are visible.
- ☐ use clear, understandable language.
- ☐ provide timely and accurate information.
- ☐ None of the above.

I believe electronic readerboard signs are:

- ☐ helpful.
- ☐ distracting.
- ☐ not really pertinent to driving.
- ☐ frustrating if they do not have correct or timely information.

Overall, in road construction areas: (*check all that apply*)

- ☐ driver courtesy is evident.
- ☐ lane closures are clearly marked.
- ☐ construction crews are working during the time of day when least disruptive to traffic.
- ☐ construction crews are working during the time of year when least disruptive to traffic.
- ☐ advanced warning is given to lane closures ahead.
- ☐ construction contributes to driver anger/frustration.

Which of the following factors have a positive impact on promoting driver courtesy? (*check all that apply*)

- ☐ Posted information (road signs, etc.).
- ☐ Testing for incompetent drivers.
- ☐ Attentive driving.
- ☐ Visual presence of law enforcement.

In general, at a traffic light:

- ☐ most drivers obey the signal changes.
- ☐ most drivers are patient if they miss the green light once before going through the intersection.
- ☐ most drivers get frustrated if they miss the traffic light.
- ☐ most drivers will "run" a red light.

Do you think the traffic light timing cycle is set properly at most signals?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

Do you pull over or change lanes to let fast drivers go by?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.
- ☐ Sometimes.

The most recent incident of road rage you observed was:

in (county) \_\_\_\_\_

at (location) \_\_\_\_\_

on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ during the ☐ day ☐ evening ☐ night

My gender is:

- ☐ male.
- ☐ female.

My age is:

- ☐ 16-25.
- ☐ 26-35.
- ☐ 36-45.
- ☐ 46-55.
- ☐ over 55.

The vehicle I drive most often is a \_\_\_\_\_

Your participation is valuable.  
Please return the completed survey to:

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